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TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS-EVENSEN GROUP MEETING ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. SUMMARY: SECOND DAY OF EVENSEN GROUP MEETING SAW MORE PROGRESS WITH GROUP COMPLETING FIRST READING OF GENERAL ARTICLE AND COMMENCING DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE PROVISION. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ARTICLE (3-12) INCONCLUSIVE. PERU, WITH SUPPORT OF COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA, INDIA AND CHILE PROPOSED SEVERAL CHANGES TO ARTICLES DESIGNED TO WATER DOWN THE GENERAL OBLIGATION FOR PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. US, USSR, AND WESTERN EUROPEANS ADOPTED A TACTIC OF NOT REACTING TO PERUVIAN AMENDMENTS NOR PROPOSING NEEDLES DRAFTING CHANGES TO ARTICLES. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, DISCUSSION MOVED FORWARD AND READING OF GENERAL ARTICLES COMPLETED IN MOVING WITH MINIMAL DISCUSSION. MEXICO, HOWEVER, RASIED THE SATELLITES QUESTION AGAIN, AND PROPOSED EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO SATELLITES IN THE GENERAL
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3. AFTERNOON DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES 13-24 WAS
STRUCTURED ALONG LINES OF GENERAL DEBATE WITH MOST
COUNTRIES MAINTAINING THEIR POSITION. PERU OFFERED A
COMPREHENSIVE SET OF AMENDMENTS WHICH REP CHARACTERIZED
AS AN ATTEMPT AT COMPROMISE. EFFECT OF PACKAGE WAS TO
DIVIDE MSR ALONG LINES OF SINGLE TEXT, WITH COASTAL
STATE CONSENT FOR ALL REASEARCH. IN HIS REMARKS,
PERUVIAN REP HINTED THAT A PROVISION STATING CONSENT
FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH SHOULD NOT BE WITHELD MIGHT
BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. PERUVIAN AMENDMENTS SUPPORTED
BY MEXICO, INDIA, CHILE AND ARGENTINA, NEW ZEALAND AND
VENEZUELA INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR SIMPLE ARTICLE
ALONG LINES OF ARTICLE 49 OF COMMITTEE II TEXT TO
RESOLVE ENTIRE MSR ISSUE. WESTERN EUROPEANS NOT VERY
ACTIVE, ALTHOUGH FRG, UK, FRANCE, AND ICELAND INDICATED
ACCEPTANCE OF SINGLE TEXT IN PRINCIPLE. ABRAMS

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